(f) what is the price of indigenous injections and what is the selling price of each of these two injections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) : (a) to (d) The import policy for the import of finished medicines is decided by the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports, Ministry of Commerce. The list of finished medicines allowed for import is reviewed by the permanent Review Committee chaired by the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports.

(e) There is no proposal to ban the formulations of these anti cancer drugs.

(f) The prices of drugs and medicines are monitored by the Ministry of Industry under the Drugs Price Control Order.

840. (*Transferred to the 31st July*, 1989)

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Import of Dexamethasone

843. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 160 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th April, 1989 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that within the same expenditure of foreign exchange, the quantity of Dexamethasone which was imported in 1987-88, is double the quantity imported in 1985-86;

(b) what are the names of importers during each year, the quantity imported by each, name of the supplier and CIF value of each consignment;

(c) what are the names of formulations being marketed by each and what was the price of each formulation during 1985-86 and 1986-87;

(d) whether it is a fact that their representative did not bring up this issue in Drugs Price review Committee;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) what steps have been taken to rectify the situation and what action has been taken against drug companies for overcharging?

THE MINISTER OF STATE of THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) : (a) and (b) Information as available with this Ministry reveals that during 1985-86, 230 Kgs. of Dexamethasone was imported and c.i.f. value was Rs. 37,755/-. In 1987-88 470.250 Kgs. were imported of which c.i.f. value is Rs. 39,146/-.

(c) Some of the popular formulations of Dexamethasone are Dexona Injection and tablet, Decadran tablet, Idizone tablet and Injection and Wymesone tablets and Injections. Pricing of drugs is monitored by the Bureau of Industrial Costs & Prices.

(d) to (f) The Drug Price review Committee is under the administrataive control of the Ministry of Industry.